**World Teachers' Day**

This week we celebrate World Teachers' Day. This day is celebrated in over 100 countries to acknowledge the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society.

It is a day which students and parents can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers make to their community.

At Chinchilla State School we acknowledge the contributions that all staff make towards educating our students.

Thank you to our P&C Association for acknowledging this important day.

On Friday afternoon the staff of Chinchilla State School will be treated with afternoon tea in recognition of their efforts.

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**Tuckshop Day**

Schools across Queensland are giving a special thank you to their tuckshop workers and volunteers on Tuckshop Day, this Friday, 4th November.

Tuckshop Day recognises the great work of thousands of people across the state each and every school day. It also highlights the important role tuckshops play in school life. Providing nutritious food and drinks means families can have one less task to worry about at the start of their day and helps students to concentrate and learn well in class.

Our tuckshop services 645 students every Monday, Wednesday & Thursday for both morning and lunch breaks. This is a massive job which our students and families are very fortunate to have.

Family members including grandparents as well as local residents are welcome volunteers in schools and especially school tuckshops. The old saying ‘many hands make light work’ is never truer than in school tuckshops. Volunteers don’t have to spend a whole day at the tuckshop. Parents or members of the wider community can make a real contribution by volunteering for as little as an hour. For more information please contact the school.

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**Curriculum Corner with 3C**

Well, we are now half way through Term 4 and how exciting has it been? So far in English we have been learning about how to create and present our own poems.

We have learnt there is more to poetry than just rhyming words! In Maths we have been working closely with our single digit multiplication facts, fractions, position and location as well as chance and data. In Science we have been looking at solids and liquids and how they are similar in some ways but different in other ways. The experiments have been really cool!

Finally in History we have been exploring continuity and change in local communities. We have been focusing on our local area which is the original land of the Barunggam people. This look into the history of the Barunggam people led us to a school camp to Coolabula Environmental Education Centre where we had a blast!

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- High Five Awards
From the Principal's Desk

This semester our Parents and Citizens Association in collaboration with the school Principal have made some changes to the end of semester report cards. This semester we are distributing our report cards without the very detailed comments which are usually included along side each learning area. This year, your child's report card will include a coloured graph which indicates the overall distribution of achievement for the whole year level. This graph also shows exactly where your child sits in relation to his or her year level for each of the subject areas. Students will receive a grade for the subject area and the overall level like all previous report cards. Instead of the complex comments, you will receive a comment that outlines the level of effort and commitment to each subject area as demonstrated by your child. Students will still receive a detailed behaviour comment and an overall comment. As part of this trial, we are hosting parent teacher interviews from week nine through to the end of week ten. As your child's parent or carer, I strongly encourage you to take the time to come and meet with your teacher to discuss your child's/ress's achievements throughout the semester.

Attendance Matters

Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them achieve their full potential.


Class Attendance

Term 4, Week 4 overall class attendance:

- Prep: 88.16%
- Grade 1: 86.21%
- Grade 2: 91.36%
- Grade 3: 86.86%
- Grade 4: 87.95%
- Grade 5: 90.67%
- Grade 6: 93.34%
- Target: 100%

Congratulations to 6B for the highest attendance percentage of 97.56% for week 4.

Congratulations to all of our students who exhibit excellent attendance and a special thank you to our parents for their strong support.

Intermediate Music Camp

Chinchilla State School recently had many talented Instrumental Music student attend the Darling Downs and South West Region Intermediate Primary School Music Camp. This camp took place from the 18th - 20th of October in Toowoomba and involved close to 450 students from schools in our region, making it far our biggest Primary School Music Camp ever! After three days of intense rehearsals, this camp concluded with an evening concert which saw each student perform with their respective ensemble. Well done to our Instrumental Music students!

Queensland Symphony Orchestra visits Chinchilla

On Wednesday, 26th October members of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO), one of the most prestigious ensembles within our state visited Chinchilla. Whilst the QSO consists of more than 70 members, 15 QSO musicians travelled to Chinchilla and formed a Chamber Ensemble which featured different instruments within the String, Brass and Woodwind families. Students from Chinchilla State School and St Joseph’s Primary School were fortunate enough to be invited to attend a demonstration by these musicians. Students are commended on their attentiveness and their eagerness to ask and answer questions.
PBL Update

Respect - Use polite, verbal and non-verbal language & tone

A respectful school is the foundation for an effective learning environment. Children and adults have a right to expect standards of behaviour which allow teaching and learning to take place, and which make school a happy and secure place for all.

This week’s Value lesson will help students become aware of polite verbal and non-verbal language and tone at school and other social settings. Students will be able to identify and demonstrate inappropriate and appropriate language and tone, as well as the importance of avoiding profanity.

As an adult, modelling behaviours of respect for children means behaving in the way you expect your children to behave. You can encourage your child to use polite verbal and non-verbal language and tone at home when they hear you use polite language, for example when you pay for merchandise at a counter.

Chinchilla State School’s P&C Association supports the PBL program in the school and has two representatives on the PBL Committee, Mrs Tanya Kidd & Mrs Leanne Evans.

Value Champion recipients from yesterday’s assembly.

How you can help your child with reading

To get your child interested in reading, it’s important to vary the books you read together and to talk about the types of material you read each day.

Our school encourages parents to work with us to develop children’s reading skills. Here are a few tips to get you started:

- play number plate games in the car by looking at different number plates and making sentences starting with the same letters
- encourage children to re-tell stories they have read and to share these stories with other family members
- when reading to your child, stop and ask “what do you think will happen next?” and occasionally ask “why do you think the author included that part in the story?” to ensure they understand what they are reading
- if your child makes a mistake when they read aloud, give them time to correct the mistake themselves.

For more information about how you can help your child with reading visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Healthy Hints

Eating breakfast is important to the health and wellbeing of school children for many reasons, including:

- provides essential nutrients for growth and development
- establishes healthy eating habits for later in life. Studies have shown that people who regularly eat breakfast are leaner than those who don’t
- offers beneficial effects for learning, concentration and behaviour at school

Why not try some of these suggestions?

- Cereal with fruit
- Toast with toppings such as baked beans, spaghetti, cheese & tomato, vegetables, peanut butter, scrambled egg, banana (Try using a variety of breads like English muffins, crumpets and bread rolls, etc.)
- Fresh /tinned fruit salad with yoghurt
- Banana or other fruit smoothie
- Last night’s left overs
Sports with Mr Clarke

So we are now into Week 5 of Term 4. I need to make amends for a mistake I made last week. In the bulletin last week I mentioned that Bronwyn Hicks went away to State Trials for Athletics. I have forgotten another student that went away to represent us in these trials as well. So without any more delay, I wish to acknowledge that Jed Zork has also represented us in the Athletics Trials. Credit to Jed and his family for making it out to these trials so Jed could participate. Jed participated in Shot Put. As students start to hit these higher levels of competition it is a very difficult task to stay competitive. I know that Jed gave it all he had and that is what is so remarkable. Congratulations on your athletic journey Jed.

I guess it goes hand in hand with living in a small country town like Chinchilla, if you want to make it anywhere there is the added commitment of travel. Quite often the prospect of having to travel is quite a difficult task to overcome. Therefore a lot of families either miss out on opportunities or simply just can't make it. So I just wish to compliment, encourage and acknowledge the support and efforts that families and parents go to, to get their children to different events. It can be a very busy life with children who want to be a part of numerous activities, even when they are just in town. So a massive thanks from me to all who help and support our students in getting them to these events.

Tuckshop Roster

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Morgan French
Leanne Evans

Reminder:

Tuckshop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday

QSchool App

Chinchilla State School is online with the QSchool App which has been developed to communicate with parents. The App is available for FREE from Apple iTunes or the Google Play site depending on your mobile device. Download it now!

Go to the school website https://chinchillas.eq.edu.au/Faces/default.aspx and underneath Quick links click on the “Download the QSchools App”. If you already have the App, please make sure that you have the most up to date version.

The app integrates with the department’s preferred school websites platform, allowing users to:

- find and favourite your school by searching for the school by name, searching a map or by searching for schools near your current location;
- receive real-time notifications about state-wide emergency alerts as well as school push notifications and important updates through the app;
- access the latest news, events and newsletters from your school;
- easily access your schools tuckshop and uniform shop information;
- view information about your school including class times and contact details;
- view social media feeds.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools. When you have the App, make sure you enable notifications, search for Chinchilla State School and make it a favourite.

UNIFORM SHOP

Please be aware that the Uniform Shop is open on:

Monday 8:30 – 9:00 am
Wednesday 8:30—9:00 am

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